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COAL LINKAGE FOR FARAKKA AND KAHALGAON POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has not been able to secure coal linkage for Farakka and Kahalgaon stage I and II super thermal power plants;

(b) if so, whether the plan targets for power generation is likely to be scaled down due to shortage of coal and gas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation is getting adequate coal supply to its power plants; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to augment coal supply?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Farakka and Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Projects Stage I and II of NTPC Ltd. have been granted long-term coal linkage by Ministry of Coal as per details given below:

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Name ofThermalPower Stations (TPS) Capacity (MW) Linked Quantity (MTPA) Linked Source


Farakka St-I    600 (3x200)  11   ECL $
Farakka St-II    1000 (2x500)
Kahalgaon St-I    840 (4x210)  5.80   ECL
Kahalgaon St-II    1500 (3x500)  8.82   ECL
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Units 6 and 7 of Kahalgaon St-II are under construction Million Tonnes Per Annum $ Eastern Coalfields Limited

(b) & (c) : Presently, there is no proposal to scale down the targets for power generation due to shortage of coal and gas.

(d) : NTPC power stations during the period April to October 2007 were not able to get coal supply as per linkage due to less production of coal at the linked mines.

(e) : The coal supply position to thermal power stations in the country has been reviewed by the Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of power as well as the Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee in the Cabinet Secretariat. A contingency plan for improving the stock of coal in the power stations having critical stock has been chalked out by way of re- distribution of coal supply from the domestic sources. The need for expediting import of coal has also been impressed upon the States/Power Utilities. NTPC has been advised to import coal through the Western Coast to ease the port congestion at Haldia and Paradip ports and to overcome constraints in transportation of coal by the Railways from these ports on the Eastern Coast.